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#### INCOME

Received for Premiums From other sources	-	 -, [E	\$42,3 8,748 51 12,687,880 92
			\$55,006,629;43

#### DISBURSEMENTS

To Policyholders for Claims by Death -	\$13,265,908 00
To Policyholders for Endowments,	
Dividends, etc	11,485,751 35
For all other accounts	10,493,379 53

#### \$35,245,038 88

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United States Bonds and	other Secu	rities !	<b>B160,9</b>	56,141	33
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Loans on Bonds and other			9,3	96,619	00
Real Estate appraised	by Insu	rance			

Superintendents, at \$23,584,826,88; Book Value - 20,604,649 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies 11,621,377 36
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. 6.434,957 16

Total - - - - \$277,517,325.36

#### LIABILITIES 4

Policy Reserves, etc.	_	-	_	- \$	233	058	640	68
Contingent Guarantee	Fund			1/8		,238		
Divisible Surplus -	-	-	-	-	2	,220	,000	00

\$277,517.325 36

Insurance and Annuities in force # - \$971,711,997 79

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

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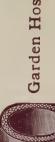
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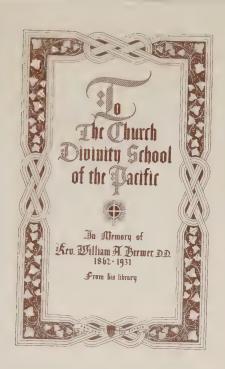
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#### Note.

statistical facts regarding the Convention, confining himself to the Bishop's address and the most interesting of the annual reports. The account of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Wm. Hall Moreland will be found complete in every detail, and it is hoped that this work will be prized as a souvenir of that memorable occasion.

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#### Bishop's Annual Address.

My Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

For the first time in the history of the Diocese our stated meeting falls in the Epiphany season. These are stirring times at the close of the century. Great privileges involving great problems lie before us on this Pacific Seaboard. *Christ manifest* is a timely and assuring Epiphany watchword. "Lo, I am with you" is the Master's message singularly precious now. He is the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible. He is shaping the things of time, of mortality, the things that our eyes see. His Vicar on earth, effecting His presence with us, is the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. To Him be glory in the Church!

The Constitutional change which places the meeting of this Forty-ninth Annual Convention in January instead of in the Easter season as heretofore, must, of course, considerably affect all the reports and all the statistics presented at this time. The period actually covered since the last Convention is barely eight months. These months, furthermore, include the least active part of the Convention year. In the one matter of confirmations, for example, many of our important parishes and missions, of necessity, have had no visitation at all and, consequently, have no confirmations to report in the abbreviated period. While then the statistics, as far as they go, indicate healthy progress and gain, it is to be remembered that they do not afford a complete annual showing for any purpose of just comparison with other years. With this reminder, I proceed to lay before you, as required by Canon, my official acts for the eight months since my last report. The Bishop's journal shows: 242 have been

confirmed, on 38 occasions; 5 infants have been baptized; the Holy Communion celebrated 39 times; 4 marriages; 7 burials; 56 sermons and 85 addresses delivered; visited 58 points, and officiated in all 131 times.

#### OBITUARY.

Before the altar at our opening Eucharist we have blessed God's Holy Name, for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear, and have especially remembered the late Rt. Rev. John Henry Ducachet Wingfield, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Missionary Bishop of Northern California, the Rt. Rev. William Stevens Perry, D.D., LL D., D.C.L., Bishop of Iowa, and from our own diocese the Rev. Robert W. Summers, the Rev. Henry Durant Lathrop, D.D., not forgetting churchmen and churchwomen who have been taken from our congregations since our last meeting.

Bishop Wingfield's death removed from earth one in whom our interest as a Bishop in the Church was the closer because he was one of our earlier Bishops on the Pacific Coast, because he was our nearest neighbor as a Bishop, because he had been the strong and successful rector of our Trinity Parish, San Francisco, because he was a warm personal friend and helper of our own first Bishop, notably in Bishop Kip's later years, and because many of our clergy and laity had counted Bishop Wingfield as their valued friend. No adequate reference to his work could be made without a careful survey of the conditions of his field. That is obviously not within our province here and now. But after all in the retrospect of any finished earthly life it is the personal character that emerges into our true field of vision out of all the circumstances of the lifetime. We forget more or less its every-day experiences with their pleasures and pains, their great joys or great trials. What we do think of is



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the quality of the character that came out of all these experiences. And we recall how out of great sorrows and great trials, out of the prolonged disability and sickness which he bore so patiently until called by the Chief Shepherd, there were the warm heart, and the lofty ideals, and the evangelic spirit for his Master which will make his strong personality the fond memory of his episcopate to so many.

The shelves of our libraries and church archives bear solid testimony to the worth—and so to the loss—of Bishop Perry, to the Church. The late Bishop of Iowa was possessed of the true historical sense and of a facile and clear pen to express it. His researches, too, were wide and varied. The list of his published writings is large enough to need an index in itself. He knew how to detect significance in a historic fact, as, for example, when he called attention to Francis Fletcher's service on our coast in 1579 as the first use of the Prayer Book in the territory of the United States. He could discriminate, too, as when at the time of the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Columbus he struck the note of warning that the civilization represented by Columbus had little or nothing to do with the civilization we enjoy. Events of the very last year, culminating singularly enough in the removal of the very remains of Columbus from this hemisphere with the receding flag of the country from which he came, have strikingly justified his ringing contention. In these, as in other qualities as Bishop and Leader in the Church, his memory will long last.

The two of our own clergy who have been taken have both been compelled by feeble health to withdraw from the active work of the ministry. The Rev. Mr. Summers spent his later years at San Luis Obispo, where he ministered occasionally, as his strength permitted, living the quiet life of a patient sufferer and engaging in such simple occupation as his love of nature or of books afforded him. The Rev. Dr. Lathrop, tenderly cared

for when incapacitated for work, in chastened resignation and deepened faith, illustrated the lessons he had taught. And in the earlier years of his vigor few taught those lessons with greater pulpit force or success in winning men than the strong rector of the Church of the Advent, San Francisco, who made in his time so memorable a mark upon the community. The Journals of our Conventions—of which he was the Secretary a number of years—tell the story of his work in this Diocese, not to speak of other fields, and it need not be recapitulated here. Well won is his rest.

#### THE NATIONAL CHARACTER-TEST.

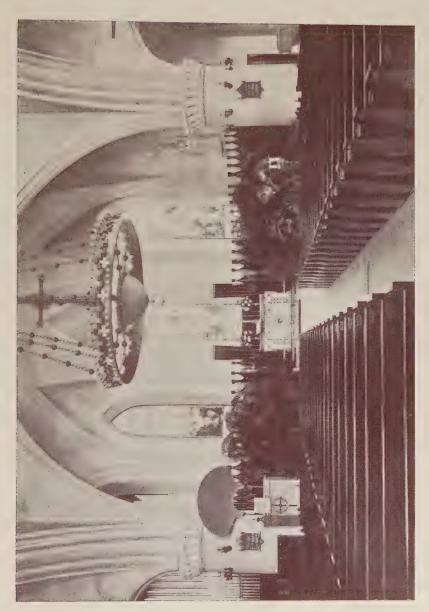
These tributes that we fondly pay from year to year to those who go from us may have far more than a mere obituary meaning, fellow-workers, if we dwell for a moment on the fact already adverted to, that in our memory the character so completely comes out to the fore from all the circumstances of its shaping. It is a reflection which instantly suggests a caution. Why not have a clearer appreciation that it is character that survives while conditions change in all of us-why not understand this better as we remain in the thick of earthly activities, and of the concerns and the cares and the conquests of the Church of God. This understanding rectifies perspective. This heightens and simplifies ideals. The "jot and tittle" of each one's daily habits, of the parish routine, of Diocesan minutiæ, of general Church procedure, I should be the last to call unimportant or matters of indifference. It is simply slovenly to neglect them, and generally such neglect receives the ready rebuke as it goes along-ye ought not to have left these things undone. But it is astonishing how confusion can exist between the interest in all these things and the instinct to use them all for high character. It is like being more given to menu than to mind,

and making the meat more than the body. Now sharp tests of character always tend to clear up this confusion and to "approve things that are excellent" and test things that differ. Under such tests we understand that force of character is one thing and that the gymnasium of character, so to speak is quite another thing. We have no manner of doubt which is the more important, which is the one for us to intelligently watch. National questions, as the last twelve-month has precipitated them upon us, well illustrate this. Whatever differences may exist as to those questions, I presume there would be no difference as to the fact that they constitute a direct and searching test of our national character. In meeting them for weal or for woe the verdict of the ages will be brought in not upon the evidence of our trade balances, or our pride of the flag, or our brilliant debates and controversies over constitutional questions, but upon the soft of character we transmit to those who are brought under our influence. For, whatever be the permanent lines treaties may draw, and whatever be the periods of occupation of new territory, that occupation longer or shorter is a fact and carries with it in a way which is irrevocable, at any rate, a present contact with, and influence for good or ill over, other races with their millions. The accountability for that influence is already upon us, and it puts a supreme test to our national character—greater even than was ever that upon Roman civilization by its closing over the barbarian hordes. When one thinks of it, it is really none other than a dawning upon the national consciousness of a race responsibility for light-shedding like unto that larger world responsibility of the Church of God laid upon it in the Solemn Charge of the Master-" Go ye into all the world." Civilization must have a missionary character in order to live just as the Church must have a missionary character if it would live. If you should take down the flag from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines tomorrow, they never could be in the same position toward civili-

zation, and we could never be in the same position of irresponsibility as before. The ordeal upon our American character as a nation is simply inevitable. As an illustration to our present purpose then, our national life just now is asserting its prime need of character, if it is to pass through its ordeal. Puzzling, and it must be admitted sometimes indeed humiliating, are the present phases of our history making. But if we keep two things in mind I believe the questions become more and more clarified. The one is that, we are hearing constitutional arguments in the halls of congress upon our duties to other races, which arguments after all are only some of our old familiar pleas for foreign missions over again in forum form. And the other is that when once alive to the real emergency that is upon us, we are confronted with a peremptory search warrant upon American character. And I cannot leave this without calling attention to an assuring fact which is this: If these fundamental questions dealing with the rights of men and with the progress of civilization, and with international equities, and the like, are upon us, they are likely to follow that law by which great questions evoke great men. And it will be time to despair of the republic, and to prognosticate, and to round periods with fine academic scorn when all signs fail that we have in reserve such men as Dewey and Day and Wood and Waring, not to mention others, whom the very exigencies are bringing out and who probably never would have been brought out by the infinitely less important questions into which our political life at one time bade fair to settle.

### THE CHARACTER TEST OF THE CHURCH.

If in the nation a critical juncture forces character into its true prominence above all true secondary considerations, it serves the better to keep us to the true perspective in the Church. There is no lack of such secondary considerations, in the matter



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which occurrs to me for treatment in Convention. An active Diocese in its local affairs alone always has enough worthy of comment to more than fill the Annual Address. There might be many words of encouragement to faithful, self-denying workers. There might be the specification of marks that the grace of God is upon us. There might be the detailing of plans an hopes that grow with the years and glow with the thoughts of blessings already received. And I may say here that many suggestions that occur to me, after all, seem more fitly introduced in my place as a member of various administrative boards of the Diocese than in the Annual Address. There might be cautionary words here and there about greater attention to details of preaching, or parish visiting, or that solemn charge to the priest " consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures and framing the manner both of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you according to the rule of the same Scriptures; and \* \* \* how ye ought to forsake and set aside as much as ye may, all worldly cares and studies." Slips and liberties with the Prayer Book, unconsciously made, which I notice as I go about might be specified. Need of still higher spirituality in our congregations would afford a topic by itself. All of these things are, however essential and valuable, helps to the character, but the times and our position on the Pacific Coast at this time are—we must not be slow to see bringing the character itself of the Church directly under a high test. And that above all things just now is the guage that we need to throw all the light we can upon and with high and keen intelligence to consult. There is a true sense in which we can in many minor matters adapt that well-known maxim of the law, De minimis non curat ecclesia if we give foremost attention to the development of the maximum of Church Character. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

### SOME PACIFIC COAST FORECASTS.

The things that loom up before the Churchmen of this coast to prove them of what sort they are, appear to be two-fold; some come from the new questions of expansion that we have to face as citizens, others from important events that belong to our own household of faith. With reference to expansion, as Churchmen, we are bound to have new opportunities of spreading the knowledge of Christ, as the promised progress of trade makes the Pacific more and more of an ocean thoroughfare, and we must be up and doing or down and inert. The next ten years will tell a story of live aggressiveness or one of withering blight in these parts and the parts adjacent The Missionary enterprise of the Church must keep pace with the enterprise of the race and of the nation. There is something exhilarating in the thought of what a stimulus may come when the commerce of this ocean churns the seas everywhere with the throbbing screws, and the currents of travel carry on them the many messages of the Lord. May we be by God's grace sufficient for all these things!

But the test of opportunity is notably ours in the greater Church events which are coming. To-morrow, God willing, we are to gather from all parts of this coast to hold the first consecration of a Bishop of our Church on the Pacific Seaboard. And it is worthy of note, and I believe will not be without its significance of the "unities" of that service to the future Church historian of this event, that we are to have with us a Bishop representing the Church of England, and also a Bishop of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church of Russia. The warmth of the welcome we extend to the Lord Bishop of Columbia to our Convention has at this time, I feel sure, some of the new glow of the Anglo-Saxon heart, as well as our sense of the common duty and common high privilege of our ministration to this new continent of that race, of the uplifting and civilizing Church and Gos-





MR. ALBERT N. DROWN. Chancellor of the Diocese.

pel of Jesus Christ. It has been said that "a Bishop's consecration is the active assertion of an essential principle of organic life in the Church of Jesus"—"a fresh illustration of the living mission of His Church"—"a fractional part of the perpetual missionary agency of the Church radiating like the light of heaven through the countries and centuries of the world." It is the solace of the regret with which we relinquish our Brother—the rector of St. Luke's—from the sphere where he has been so much to his parish, his Diocese and his Bishop, that in his higher ministry and as well in the solemn service which puts upon him its holy consolations and its heavy burdens, we have before us a fresh irradiation of the Missionary Agency and Character of the Church. It should leave us with new inspiration and valor for the Kingdom.

Then our next meeting will bring us to the Fiftieth Annual Convention, and we have already taken steps to prepare for the semi-centennial at that time of our Diocese and of the founding of the first parish on our Pacific Coast. A half-century of God's mercies there will be to count. It is none too soon for us now to realize that the real count must be taken more of the Christlikeness of work and of membership than of statistics. That is the count the communities about us will invariably take. They will know us by our fruits.

The year after that—1901—is the year of the General Convention, and its vote to come to us then means much, very much, to us all. Some of the most important measures of the last Convention are to be brought up for final action, and this should ensure large attendance of Delegates and a high level of discussion. It would be difficult to over-estimate the good it can do us. All, however, that I would point out at this time is that the truest and most lasting good will be in proportion to our missionary character, and its missionary character, using missionary as a

wide term for character that proves mission. We prove mission when as a Church men take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus and He with us. That was the proof in the Apostolic Band—that the Pentecostal proof. That is the proof to others. It is the proof to ourselves. One of its evidences is answer to Missionary Prayer. Let me, in this connection, call attention to something that seems to me more than a coincidence. Sometime since there was placed at the head of the official column of the Pacific Churchman a standing reminder of mid-day prayer for missions and with it a prayer for laborers in the Harvest Fields for the Church in our Diocese. Probably some think to use it. At any rate, it is worthy of comment that for some time—as has not been the case since the beginning of my episcopate—there has not been a single unsupplied congregation of our Church in the Diocese. May we not begin to aim to have the character of a praying Diocese? How much that would be, and how certainly it would deepen our Christian character and usefulness as a Diocese in many another gift of the Spirit!

"My friends"—said Liddon, in one of those precious paragraphs of his-" what is the best endowment, the true treasure of a Christian Church? Not surely the material wealth which ancient piety has placed at its disposal, whether in land or tithe; not the noble piles, raised in some distant century, around which there cluster a thousand associations, which take the heart and the imagination captive. Not even the great minds which might have achieved any success in a worldly career, and which have enriched with new glories the vast literature of Christendom. No! Let us not underrate the value of these things; but they do not constitute the real capital or sinews of Christian Churches. That which invigorates a Church, rendering it independent of outward circumstances, and endowing it with a promise of perpetuity, is-next to His Presence, who is the source of all created good-the spiritual beauty of its members, and especially that union in them of knowledge and holiness which invites the sympathies, nay the entire confidence of their fellow-men."

WILLIAM F. NICHOLS.



Mr. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, Treasurer of the Diocese.



### Report of Committee on Church Charities.

Your Committee finds in its survey of Diocesan institutions, devoted in whole or in part to charitable work, much cause for congratulation. And it is no small pleasure to note the fact that evidences of encouraging advance are found in our oldest charity, The Old Ladies' Home. This institution now has 33 inmates, and special interest in their welfare has been shown by the action of certain parishes in San Francisco, by which a particular parish has selected a particular month and made a special effort to send to the Home during that month such necessities as might be secured. The response to appeals of this character has been most gratifying, and in two instances marked with especial liberality. In one of these 1,700 pounds of necessities were sent in, and in another 3,300 pounds were sent in.

So practical does this method seem, and so gratifying have been these efforts at its inauguration, that your Committee ventures to recommend its general adoption by the larger parishes of the Diocese.

The management of this Home have also been much encouraged through the receipt of a \$10,000 endowment fund, and the prospect of \$5,000, which it is hoped may be in hand soon.

The building is in excellent repair, and the work being admirably conducted.

In St. Luke's Hospital the provision for charitable work is being continued through the thoughtful provision of its managers and the generous co-operation of San Francisco parishes. Inasmuch as many from smaller towns often avail themselves of the excellent provision this institution makes for the sick, it seems quite in place to here urge a little more generosity in offerings from parishes located in such places.

Our report for the Maria Kip Orphanage is very encouraging this year, as the management has been enabled to cancel all indebtedness upon the building, and as you have already learned from the list of appointments for this eventful week, is on Sunday next to be consecrated to its noble work of caring for fatherless and motherless girls. There are now in the institution 133 girls. For the most part their health has been excellent. The chief difficulty being, at one time, from an epidemic of measles, and at another of whooping-cough, and now of la grippe.

Touching upon the matter of ordinary income we note the fact that the number of paying inmates seems to have steadily decreased until now there are only about three such. Your Committee is unable to say what measures, if any, should be adopted to change this condition of affairs, but in the face of the great burden of support, beg to urge upon the parishes that they assume the support of one or more of the inmates. It costs but \$30 to do this, and we surely have many Sunday-schools that could add such an item to their annual charities.

We feel like especially urging upon the Convention for its charitable consideration the Armitage Orphanage. Conducted with unusual skill and energy it struggles against many difficulties.

From the Superintendent we learn that the past year has been one of much interest, proving the importance of this work; but also a year of great solicitation for the orphanage work.

Two years ago after careful consideration it was deemed best to transfer the older boys to the city, for several strong reasons—one of these being its final entire transfer that it might be nearer the



THE MARIA KIP ORPHANAGE, SAN FRANCISCO.



great center of Church life and observation where gifts and bequests for its support and endowment might be obtained. This move was hastened by a severe epidemic of measles which threatened the lives of the children and necessitated scattering the boys for safety. These boys were located in connection with the Good Samaritan Mission for spiritual care and oversight, where at the same time the Armitage Home for graduated boys learning trades and seeking self-support was transferred and located. At the end of two years it was found wise and best from experience for cogent reasons to move the boys back again to San Mateo until such time as the way shall be more open or endowment shall be provided by which they shall be supported in the city. This was done in October last, but the "Armitage Home" was left in connection with the Good Samaritan Mission, where by wise and careful administration it has been made self-supporting and can be so kept. The expense of the siege of sickness, with the removal, together with the falling off of receip's of gifts from the Church at large in the hard times and the lack of bequests, have necessitated something of a debt which gives the Board anxiety as something new in its history. For this, and for hearty and generous support that the increasing work of the orphanage may be readily met and the work not be hindered, the Board ask increased gifts and collections from the churches of the Diocese.

In the orphanage in San Mateo are 175 boys, and in the "Home" in the city are about 20 young men, making a total of 195.

The work of the Sheltering Arms, an extremely trying work, is going on quietly, and effectively, but we regret to say with very indifferent support. We think many pass this by through failure to know of what it is doing. Its statistics cannot, from the nature of the work, be published, and we think much good might result from visits from those who are interested.

EDGAR J. LYON, F. J. MYNARD, R. M. SHERMAN.

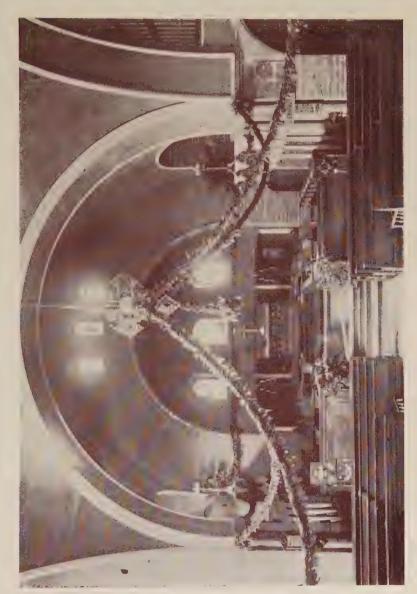
## Report of Committee on State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report as follows: The months which have passed since the meeting of the last Convention have been on the whole full of large encouragement to our parishes and missions.

Any comparison of the figures and statistics for the past Convention year, with the year preceding it, would be obviously unfair and misleading on account of shortness of the last Convention year. It is sufficient to say that the missionary offerings are fully up to the average, and that parishes and missions seem to be slowly moving forward to even greater degrees of prosperity.

We hail with great satisfaction the realization in part of the Bishop's suggestions of about a year ago as to Convention week. We believe that never before in the history of the Church in California has there been a week so helpful and healthful to our own Church people, so instructive to our Christian brethren, so inspiring and stimulating to our Church life, as this week has so far proved to be.

A certain amount of routine business must always, of course, be transacted at every Convention. This year even these details have been given life and new meaning by the stirring missionary spirit and spiritual zeal aroused by the misionary services and solemn functions in which we have been engaged. As contributing to this spiritually elevating power, we would, of course, place as of prime importance the first Consecration of one to be a Bishop in the Church of God which has



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ever taken place on the Pacific Coast in our Branch of the Church Catholic; the array of our clergy there present, the grand congregation, the presence of representatives of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church, the kindly letters of the Archbishop of Canterbury and of the Metropolitan of Canada. All these things testified with no uncertain voice to the organic unity of the Body of Christ, and to its essential vitality. We believe that the Church has received from all this a new impulse and increase of life, for which we thank God and take fresh courage.

Your Committee also believes that another sign of the Divine Blessing which God will pour upon us if we are faithful and true, is the decision of the General Convention to come to San Francisco in 1901.

Every effort should be made to prepare our people for this great event. The presence of so great and dignified a body of men in our midst, coming, as they will, from all sections of our country, must have a twofold effect; it will be an education to them as to the possibilities and needs of the Church on the Pacific Coast; it will be an education to our people as to the Catholicity, Charity and Unity of our Church.

The effectiveness of the setting forth and the driving home of these two great lessons will depend much upon our previous preparation for the Convention. Our people should be instructed as to the organization, meaning and intent of all that belongs to that body, and California must stand with the open arms of hospitality to welcome gladly this new power for her own uplifting.

The coming Semi-Centennial Convention of this Diocese, in January, 1900, is an event to which we look forward with great and hopeful anticipation. Let all parishes and missions make special efforts to make this coming Convention one of joy and thankfulness. Especially would your Committee commend to the attention of all the Bishop's recommendation contained in his Annual Address at the last Diocesan Convention.

"I venture to suggest," he said, "that our parishes and missions in their individual part, as soon as may be, enter into plans to make the celebration so far as possible signalize the removal or considerable reduction of whatever debts may exist upon church property." In this connection it is encouraging to note that during the past Convention year, short as it is, the decrease of indebtedness in the Diocese has amounted to \$12,585.59. What a grand thing it would be if our semi-centennial should present us with the realization of the Bishop's suggestion, and it can be done if we will only, all of us, make up our minds to do it.

We also hail with satisfaction the gradual extension of the systematic plan of giving in parishes and missions. Whatever objections the people may have to this method of subscription always melt away upon fair trial. A universal extension of this system would, we are sure, cause many of our present difficulties to dissappear. We ask the clergy and the laity wherever this system is not established to at least fairly consider its great advantages, and to adopt it heartily when they have come to realize these advantages.

Effort is being made to bring influence to bear upon the Legislature for the removal of the burden of taxation from church edifices and the land on which they stand. Inasmuch as the welfare of the State; inasmuch as the true progress of Christian civilization; inasmuch as all forces which make for decency and order, and consequent prosperity depend at the foundation upon Christian teaching and Christian life, it would seem to be in the highest degree unwise to lay upon such forces anything which could decrease their efficiency. We hope, therefore, that our own Church people will do all they can to bring this movement to a successful issue.

Your Committee would call your attention once more to the need and value of extending the circulation of the official organ



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of the Diocese, The Pacific Churchman. It is easy to say that this paper ought to be enlarged and improved, in this direction or in that direction; but how can this be accomplished without adequate means? and such means can only come from an increased subscription list. Let every loyal Churchman subscribe, and take some interest in obtaining other subscribers, and the difficulty will be solved.

An interesting movement in the missionary work of the Diocese is the transferring of Stockton, from the Convocation of San Francisco to the Convocation of San Joaquin, for the purpose of giving greater strength and encouragement to the work in that Convocation.

To your Committee was referred, by resolution, a plan for placing in the Journal of Convention a missionary map of the Diocese.

Your Committee having examined the whole matter would now report, that in their judgment the plan is both feasible and well calculated to be for the interests of the Diocese. They would, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Convention and the Archdeacon of the Diocese, together with the present Committee on the State of the Church, be constituted a committee to have prepared for publication in the Journal of Convention, and for other uses, a missionary map of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. COOKE, D. G. McKinnon, G. H. Kellogg.

# Consecration of the Rev. Um. Hall Moreland.

At the last General Convention held in the City of Washington, two acts were performed which were of especial interest to the Church people of the Pacific Coast. First, the selection of San Francisco as the place of meeting for the next General Convention; second, the election by the unanimous vote of the House of Bishops, of the Rev. Wm. Hall Moreland, rector of St. Luke's Church, S. F., to the vacant see of Sacramento. Writing to the people of his parish through the *Leaflet* in reference to his appointment, Mr. Moreland, said:

"The congregation is now aware of the fact that their rector was chosen by the House of Bishops to succeed the late Bishop Wingfield. The jurisdiction heretofore known as Northern California, increased by the addition of all of Western Nevada, and the name changed to the Missionary District of Sacramento, which is the see city. The election was entirely unexpected. It came with startling suddenness, and has caused ever since much anxiety and distress of mind. On the one side is the call to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ, the highest honor and the gravest responsibility known to man, which has issued from the most august and spiritual of assemblies, the American House of Bishops, and confirmed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. On the other side is the sense of unworthiness and incapacity for so great an office, the sacrifices of self and of domestic life involved, the



RT. REV. WM. HALL MORELAND, D.D. Photo by Coover & Rasmussen. Bishop of Sacramento.



questions of health and physical strength, and, most poignant of all, the contemplated separation from a beloved people, so generous and tender-hearted to their rector and so enshrined in the deepest affections of his heart. To know, amid all these conflicting claims, what is the path of right and duty is a serious problem, and the rector earnestly asks the prayers of the people that light may be given from above, and that he shall be enabled to see, without shadow of doubt, what is the Divine will, that he may practice it.

On November 22d a large body of the clergy and laity of Northern California and Nevada met in Sacramento, and passed resolutions of welcome to the Bishop-elect, pledging their support and loyalty to him. They also united in making a substantial financial pledge for a Contingency Fund, to be at the discretion of the Bishop for special calls. The following reply was received:

### Rev. C. L. Miel, Secretary.

My DEAR MR. MIEL: I have received with pleasure, through you as Secretary of a conference of the clergy and laity of the Missionary District of Sacramento, an expression of the cordial greetings of said conference, held November 22d, 1898, in Sacramento, together with its pledge of whole-hearted support, should I be led to accept the election which I have received to be their Bishop.

I wish you would convey for me to the clergy and laity the assurance of my cordial appreciation of their courteous action and of my gratitude to God that by the operation of His spirit He has made them to be thus of one mind in extending a welcome to one in whose election they themselves could have had no direct part.

Please also state to the clergy and people of the district, in any way that seems best to you, that after prolonged and prayerful consideration I have decided to accept the election to be their Bishop, relying wholly upon the blessing and grace of God, and counting upon the faithful zeal and support of the clergy and laity.

I earnestly ask that the prayers of all the people may be offered for me night and day, that I may be supplied in this, my great need, with the wisdom and strength necessary for the faithful fulfillment of the task to which I sincerely believe God has called me.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

WILLIAM HALL MORELAND.

On Sunday, November 27th, Mr. Moreland announced to his congregation his acceptance of the Bishopric of Sacramento, and said:

DEAR BRETHREN: I have an announcement to make which is painful to me, and which is likely to bring pain to many of you, After prolonged and serious reflection, I have decided to accept the election to the Episcopate with which the Church has so greatly honored me. I have weighed carefully all the questions of duty involved, and am now persuaded that I am called of God to this ministration. I have notified the Presiding Bishop of my decision, and have asked for consecration to take place in St. Luke's Church on January 25th, next, being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Before and after my consecration my desire is to remain as your rector, if the vestry and congregation so desire, until the new church is ready for use and until the vestry have had ample time to secure a successor. Thus you will not be without a rector at any time, and it is especially important at this time, while we are in the midst of erecting a new church, that there shall be no interregnum. As best I may, I will divide my labors between the parish and Sacramento until the necessity for this shall pass. It only remains for me to ask you, beloved, to accept this announcement in the true spirit of Christian submission. It is painful to part, but remember that it is to the larger work and welfare of the Church God has called me to leave you. You must ex-



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ercise self-denial, as well as I. Let no timorous voice be raised, no heart turn craven; let no one relax in the slightest his zeal or responsibility for the welfare of this parish. St. Luke's is too deeply rooted in religious principle and too firmly intrenched in its parochial life to be affected by an exchange of rectors. When the new church is completed, you will go forward with the increased momentum of a new rector and a beautiful new edifice, and will certainly become even a greater power and blessing for Christ in this city than ever before. For myself, I ask your prayers that I may be richly endowed with the grace and wisdom I greatly lack, and which I will sorely need in the holy and high vocation to which, as I sincerely believe, God has called me."

#### THE ROBES.

It was with contradictory emotions that the ladies of St. Luke's Church having in charge the Bishop's robes met at the rectory, on Monday afternoon of consecration week, to present their rector with them. It was with difficulty that tears were restrained and sobs subdued. It was rather a trying ordeal for all as it seemed indicative of the approaching separation. After the robes were presented the Bishop-elect replied as follows:

"I cannot express to you, dear women of St. Luke's the depth of my gratitude for this magnificent gift. You have added one more act—and that a crowning act—of generous love to the many with which you have blessed and cheered my ministry among you. I have always rejoiced in your readiness to lend a hand in the great work for our Lord, that needs to be done here in this great city. You have been a source of strength and comfort to your rector during these more than five years of my association with this parish. And, now, as I am about to lay down the priestly office and take up the burdens of the Apostleship, at the call of the great Head of the Church, I find you at my side, strong in your sympathies, encouraging me by your

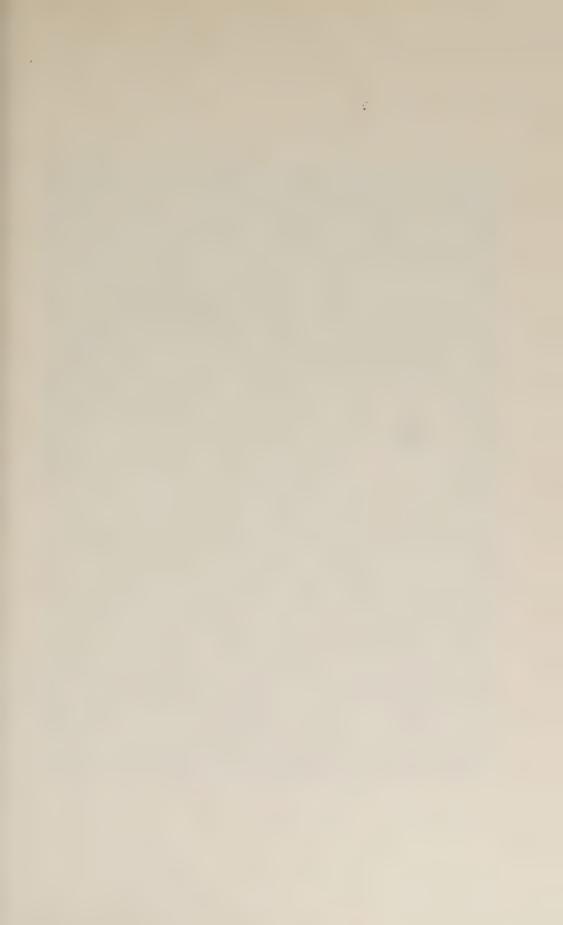
prayers and by this splendid assurance of your continued affection and support. These beautiful robes will always speak to me of my most happy relations with you. I thank Mr. Shaw, the assistant rector, for the large part he has taken in the matter, and through you, who are present, I would thank each one, far and near, who has had any share in this presentation. May God bless you, and make you as great a help to the fortunate rector who is to succeed me, as you have been to me."

#### THE CONSECRATION.

On Wednesday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, there was a notable gathering in St. Luke's Chnrch of the clergy and laity of San Francisco and of the Bishops and clergy of the Church on the Pacific Coast, to witness the consecration service. It lacked only three days of forty-five years since Bishop Kip, after being wrecked on the coast of Southern California, landed in San Francisco, to begin his work as Missionary Bishop, in a jurisdiction which is now divided into three dioceses. The history of the years of service and of heroism, which lies between that day and the present, is full of inspiration; and its incidents were emphasized in the sermon of the day.

The solemn services of the morning began at half-past seven, when the Bishop of Los Angeles acted as celebrant at an early Communion Service in St. Luke's Church, where the Bishop-elect joined the members of his congregation.

The Rt. Rev. Tikon, Bishop of Alaska and of the Aleutian Islands, and four attendant priests of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church, were present at the consecration service as invited guests, and entered the church in advance of the procession, being placed in the front seats.





RT. REV. ABIEL LEONARD, D.D.
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Bishop of Salt Lake.

The Rev. R. C. Foute, rector of Grace Church, was Master of Ceremonies, and under his direction the procession, headed by the choir of St. Luke's Church, entered the main door of the church at eleven o'clock, singing "Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken." The Bishops who were present, and took part in the services, were the Rt. Rev. Drs. Nichols, Leonard, Kendrick, Barker, Johnson and Perrin. The attending presbyters were the Rev. Edward J. Lyon and the Rev. William Carson Shaw, rector's assistant at St. Luke's Church.

The commission to consecrate, from the Presiding Bishop of the Church, was read by the Rev. Chas. L. Miel, Deputy Registrar, after which the Bishop presiding, the Rt. Rev. Wm. Ford Nichols, D.D., began the Communion Office, the Epistle being read by the Rt. Rev. Abiel Leonard, D.D., and the Gospel by the Rt. Rev. William Wilcox Perrin, D.D., Lord Bishop of Columbia, B. C.

The Nicene Creed was chanted by the choir, and during the singing of the hymn,

" Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone,"

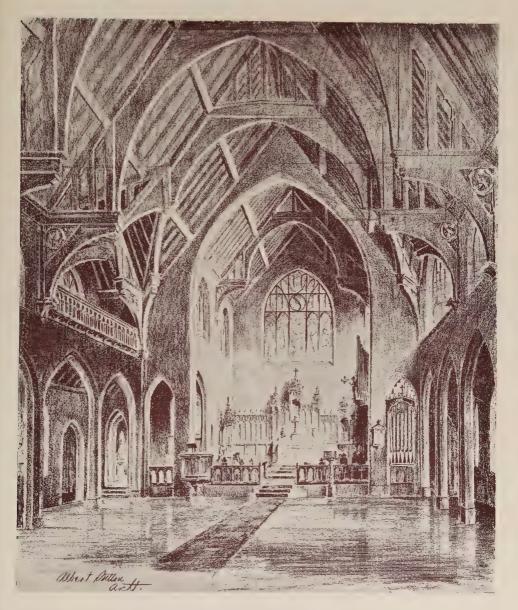
the Rt. Rev. Wm. Morris Barker, D.D., Bishop of Olympia, entered the pulpit, and delivered an eloquent and inspiring sermon from the text, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

The preacher dwelt on the history of the Church in California, a history whose rapid development, unparalled in the annals of the American Church, found its fulfillment in the consecration of a Bishop on its own territory. He paid appreciative tribute to the work of Bishops Kip and Wingfield, two missionary heroes of the Pacific Coast; and, looking backward at the tide of missionary progress across the continent, referred to the work of Kemper and Scott, Morris, Whitaker, Tuttle, Randall, Clarkson, Whipple, Chase, Doane of New Jersey, and

Williams of Connecticut. Passing to the early history of the American Church, the Bishop told the story of Seabury and White, and the efforts in Scotland and in England which resulted in the giving of the long delayed Episcopate to the Church in the United States.

In treating of the work of the apostles, the speaker laid special emphasis on their teaching, claiming that the great failing of the Church to-day is in this regard. Fundamental truths once taught by parents are now left to Sunday-schools. Once all training came through the clergy. Now that the nation has undertaken secular training, the spiritual side of life is largely neglected. While education along all other lines is gaining in efficiency, the spiritual life is full of neglected, undeveloped possibilities. The Bishop arraigned the teaching force of the Church as lacking in that careful, detailed, dogmatic building up of knowledge, which characterizes the scientific teaching of the day, and recommended that catechetical teaching which meets the hunger for facts by bold, straightforward, honest, accurate, dogmatic statements, and that treats the creeds, the sacraments, the life of the Christ in their relation to history and to conduct.

The conclusion of the address was noble and pathetic in the extreme. The speaker described the kind of Bishop which the Church in this new land needs to-day: one who, living in the presence of his Master, is prepared to receive the apostolic commission from the Church as Timothy received it in its fullness eighteen hundred years ago; one who is prepared for noble and vigorous action, endurance under suffering, who welcomes rational investigation as an apostolic precept; one who frankly accepting all that is good in man is prepared to build for, in, and with him, a better, nobler and more Christlike manhood. Turning to the Bishop-elect, the speaker carried the thought of the great congregation across the continent to the chamber



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where the Presiding Bishop, in his home in Connecticut, was looking toward the West, and blessing in prayer the candidate and the preacher, both of whom he had trained for the ministry in old Berkeley. It might be that the present candidate will be the last, as he is the youngest, of thirteen of the spiritual sons who now represent him in the Episcopate of the Church in the United States.

Bishop Nichols, the Bishop presiding, turned to the presenters, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Horsfall Johnson, D.D., and the Rt. Rev. Wm. Morris Barker, D.D., who came forward with the Bishop-elect, and demanded the necessary testimonials. The certificate of election was read by the Rev. John Partridge, President of the Standing Committee of the Missionary District of Sacramento.

Mr. Moreland gave in a firm voice the promise of conformity and obedience to the doctrine, disclipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and after the reading of the Litany, the candidate was robed by his attending presbyters and Bishop Nichols proceeded with the order of consecration.

All present joined in the "Veni Creator Spiritus," and then the consecrators, Bishops Nichols, Kendrick and Leonard and the Rt. Rev. Wm. W. Perrin, D.D., Lord Bishop of Columbia, joined in the solemn act of the imposition of hands.

To the Bishop of Sacramento belongs the honor of uniting, for the first time in the history of the American Church, at a consecration the Anglican and Greek branches of the Catholic Church. The event was made significant by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Tikhon, Bishop of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, representing the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church, and by the Rt. Rev., the Lord Bishop of Columbia, representing the Church of England, who was the bearer of letters from the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, the Primate of Canada and from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primate of all England. The letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury is as follows:

OLD PALACE CANTERBURY, January 2, 1899.

#### My Dear Bishop of Columbia:

I rejoice at your being invited to attend the consecration of the Bishop of Sacramento. Nothing can help the Church more than a thoroughly good understanding with our Brothers in the United States. May I beg of you to express to the Bishops, whom you will meet, the warm feeling of regard with which I sympathize with the work which they are doing with such splendid zeal. God has given the Church in the United States a great mission, and the Bishops are pressing on to the full discharge of the duty thus laid on them with the steady earnestness that characterizes the race to which they belong. My prayers are with them always.

I am, my dear Lord,
Yours affectionately,

F. CANTUAR.

#### THE RECEPTION.

At the clerical dinner, in the evening of the following day, Bishop Moreland was presented by the clergy of the Convocation of San Francisco, with a solid silver communion set as a mark of their appreciation and high regard for the Bishop. The following address was prepared by the committee having the matter in charge:

"TO THE RIGHT REV. WM. HALL MORELAND, M.A., BISHOP OF SACRAMENTO:

#### " Reverend Father in God:

"Whom it is so much more natural to call 'brother.' We, the clerical members of the Convocation of San Francisco, beg you to accept as a token of our loving esteem for you, these vessels for the celebration of the Divine Mysteries.



RT. REV. WM. WILLCOX PERRIN, D.D. Photo by Coover & Rasmussen. Lord Bishop of Columbia.



"Often, dear brother, have we stood side by side as priests ministering around God's altar. 'We have taken sweet counsel together and walked in the house of God as friends;' and now you are called to the higher office, and your labor must be in the wider field of the Episcopate, and as an apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, you must feed His flock, whether they be scattered on the mountains or hidden in the deep bosomed valleys of our State. On these apostolic journeys in which you will

"Traverse field and fountain, Moor and mountain,"

rest assured of the prayers of your brethren of the Convocation of San Francisco, and that in our supplications at the throne of grace you and your work will be often remembered, and, in return, may we not ask, that, when in some lonely mission station, by some sick bed, in some quiet service for two or three; wheresoever breaking the Bread of Life and offering the unbloody sacrifice, you use these sacred vessels, you will remember us of the Convocation, and pray that the mercy of God may fall upon the priesthood, over whom as Dean you so acceptably presided; with whom as a beloved fellow-worker and sharer in the cares and toils of the parish priests you bore the burden and heat of the day. Finally, dear friend, dear brother, and now Rt. Rev. Bishop, we offer to you this but slight token of deep esteem, sincere respect and hearty good wishes for that future work, so auspiciously begun on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th, 1899."

The presentation was made by the Bishop of California, and the Bishop of Sacramento replied as follows:

"I am very deeply touched, dear Bishop and brethren, by this superb gift and by the expression of your good will which has accompanied it. I cannot find the suitable words to convey to you all that is in my heart. That great service of yesterday, the change that has so suddenly come about in my own relations to the Bishop and Diocese of California, the new and awful responsibilities with which I have been so solemnly clothed:

these things are still so fresh and vivid in my consciousness, that I feel as one who has left a familiar land behind him and who has entered upon strange and untried paths.

"But one thing remains strong, deep, unchanged-my esteem, admiration and affection for the clergy of the Diocese of California. I came among you a little over five years ago, a stranger, and you received me with a graciousness and confidence that gave me strength. We have met together in confidential interchange of thought on Monday mornings, we have prayed and worshipped together, we have sat together in Convocation and Annual Council studying the interests of God's Kingdom in this field. We have met socially about the festive board as we are gathered to-night. After five years of this fraternal, happy intercourse, the severing of these relations is a most painful one to me. We can never be just the same to one another. There is another body of clergy, able and loyal men, to whom my affection already goes out. Now, dear brethren, you have honored me with this most beautiful gift. How appropriate it is. When it is used, a Bishop forgets that he is a Bishop and becomes a priest again. It is a present from priests to one who never ceases to be a priest. It is a present from brothers to a brother who will never forget those who have thus gratified and honored him. It represents the supreme sacrament of the Church's life and comes to one whose name and title will ever glorify that sacrament. sacramental gift to the Bishop of Sacramento. I thank you, beloved brethren one and all, and to every one who had a share in this presentation I would express my heartfelt appreciation. My purpose is to have a chapel or oratory in my residence when I acquire a permanent dwelling place, and the Holy Mysteries will often be celebrated there with some fellow-missionary, or visiting Bishop or priest, who may be stopping under my roof. Then this beautiful communion service will remind us of hearts at a distance that are throbbing in sympathy with us."

The Bishop of Sacramento was made the recipient of many gifts, as marks of love and esteem. His own parishioners gave him two beautiful sets of robes. The Daughters of the King of his parish a gold pectoral cross set with a diamond, the Brother-





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hood men of the city, a solid gold St. Andrew's button, and many other gifts beautiful and costly were received.

Before closing, a brief outline of the Bishop's career will be in place:

The Right Rev. William Hall Moreland, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Sacramento, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, April 9, 1861. He was educated at the University of the South, Swanee, Tennessee, and was the first graduate of that institution who took the three degrees of B.S., B.Lt., and He received his theological training at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Connecticut, and was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Connecticut in 1884, and advanced to the priesthood in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, by Bishop W. B. W. Howe, D.D. During his diaconate he was assistant at Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut, the rector of the parish being the Rev. William F. Nichols, the present Bishop of California, to whom he became warmly attached. In 1885 Mr. Moreland accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, New Hampshire, and continued in charge of the work there eight years. During this period the parish became for the first time self-supporting, secured liberal endowments, and employed an assistant priest to care for the missions which were grouped about the parent Church. When, in 1891, the diocese determined to build an episcopal residence, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Niles' episcopate, Mr. Moreland was selected to raise the funds. He made a personal canvas of every parish and mission, and of almost every Churchman's home in the diocese, and secured in a few months the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose. The residence is now occupied by the bishop, is free from debt, and is a permanent asset of the Diocese. In 1893 Mr. Moreland became rector of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco, which post he holds

now. St. Luke's has greatly increased in numbers under his leadership, having a communicant roll of 1036, and being at present engaged in the erection of a new and splendid stone church to accommodate the increased attendance. Mr. Moreland has been Dean of the Convocation of San Francisco during the past two years.

Bishop Moreland held the first service in his diocese in St. Paul's Church, Sacramento, on the morning of Sunday, February 5th. During the week a recption was given him and Mrs. Moreland by St. Paul's Parish.





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### Report of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

The members of the Board of Missions, elected at the Forty-eighth Annual Convention, met at the Diocesan House at the call of the Bishop on May 13, 1898, and organized, electing Archdeacon Emery as Secretary.

Seven meetings have been held since the last Convention, and these have all had a larger average attendance than those of the year before. Relying upon the action taken at that Convention to try to raise for missionary purposes at the rate of six thousand dollars a year—and notwithstanding the discouragements always attendant upon a dry season—yes, because that dry season made the prospects so gloomy in some parts of our mission field—the Board felt that it must make a venture of faith and increase its appropriations from the very start. A grant was made to enable the work at Visalia and Tulare to be re-opened, while the stipend of three of the missionaries was increased, to offset in part the loss that otherwise would have fallen upon them, because of the unavoidable decrease of pledges in their respective fields, and later on other grants were made.

Every action of this kind was taken only after careful consideration and a full discussion of each individual case. The Board felt that it could not ask a priest of the Church to continue his work in a section where the crops had been almost a total failure, and at the same time to do nothing to uphold his hands; it could not allow such an important county as Tulare to

go longer without the services of the Church, when an opportunity offered by which they might be supplied. It felt that extraordinary circumstances called for unusual efforts, and unusual measures, and so, at the close of what has perhaps been the hardest season California has known for a generation, we report to this Convention that every regularly organized mission of this Diocese is now and has been for some months supplied with regular services, that new work has been begun at three new points, and we invite a comparison of the receipts of the missions for the past eight months with those of the year previous to show how bravely the members of the missions have responded to the action of the Board in their behalf.

Since last May a number of changes have taken place. The Rev. Wm. M. Bours, after nearly three years of faithful services at Merced and Madera, resigned to take duty at the Cathedral Mission, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Geo. N. Jenks, M.D. The Rev. Wm. Higgs is carrying on the work at Selma and Fowler, vacated by the Rev. L. C. Sanford. The Rev. Wm. Hart has charge of Visalia and Tulare. The Rev. Hobart Chetwood has been appointed to Pacific Grove, and the Rev. David Charles Gardner has taken the work at Palo Alto as assistant to the rector of Menlo Park. The Rev. H. B. Collier, rector of All Saints', Watsonville, is caring for the mission at Hollister—helping, as the rectors of several other parishes are doing, to further the plan of the Board, to leave no single post unguarded. Even at Modesto regular services are now maintained by Mr. Tracy Kelley, a duly licensed lay-reader.

During these months a neat and comfortable parsonage has been built for the missionary at Mill Valley, while he of Sonora has erected one with his own hands. A lot has been given at Capitola, and the Church of St. John-the-Baptist erected thereon; a lot has also been given at Patchins, near Wrights; another at Larkspur; while very substantial improvements have



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been made in old St. Stephen's, Gilroy, and at Grace Mission, Baden.

At the present time there are fifteen who are receiving regular appropriations from the Board, as compared with twelve last year, and seven others who are working without an appropriation. The number of stations ministered to by these is forty-four, as compared with thirty-six last year.

The quarterly reports giving returns for the past eight months show that in that period 22 adults and 89 infants have been baptized, total, 111; there are 65 candidates for confirmation, 31 have been confirmed; 17 couples married; and there have been 62 burials. The number of public services has been 1,273; and there have been more than 294 celebrations of the Holy Communion. There are 951 communicants reported.

The receipts for these eight months have been as follows:

From the Missions-Pledges, Offerings, Gifts and		
Other Sources\$	6,824	08
Cathedral Mission	2,960	20
Received by Treasurer, as per his report	2,456	84
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Total	12,241	12

Special note should here be made that St. James', Sonora, has repaid to the Treasurer the entire amount advanced by him for the insurance of the property.

As Trustees of the Disabled Clergy Fund and of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, we report:

DISABLED CLERGY FUND—		
Income\$418 65		
Expenditures, as per Treasurer's Report	\$428	98
Widows' and Orphans' Fund—		
Income\$306 05		
Expenditures	\$346	67

The Board would call attention to the amount reported as received by the Treasurer, viz., \$2,456.84. At this present time there are about 10,000 communicants in the Diocese—then it appears these have contributed at the rate of 22½ cents in eight months for this most important work of the Church, the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Once more the Board urges a more universal adoption of the systematic form of offering by our parishes, as the best method to ensure systematic giving by Church members for our missionary work. Five cents a month from each communicant would raise the six thousand dollars asked for. If twice that sum was raised what an impetus could be given to the work.

The changes made in the reorganization of our Convocational system are resulting in more efficient work. New forms are to be prepared for the quarterly reports, and when these have been filled and promptly forwarded by the missionaries to the Deans of their respective Covocations, and by them transmitted to the Secretary, a general view of the whole work can be accurately obtained, and it can be more intelligently directed. Already it is apparent that one of the Convocations needs to be strengthened, and the Board would recommend an amendment to the Canon on Missions by which the County of San Joaquin be transferred to the Convocation of that name from that of San Francisco.

For the first time the Convention of the Diocese of California meets at the very beginning of a new year, and that year almost the last one of the nineteenth century. This one just closed has been full of events that promise great things for the Pacific Coast, and more especially for California. In two years the General Convention will convene in this city, and Bishops, priests and laymen from all parts of the country will gather here, and look with curious eyes to see what the Church in California is doing and in what manner she is preparing for the great future



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that lies before her. The one infallible test by which the life of a Church in any Diocese may be measured is its interest in missionary work, the way in which it is laying foundations for the future.

The record for the past year is a satisfactory one, in that we have held our own, and that services have been maintained at all the old established stations—let the closing year of this century be marked by the beginning of new aggressive movements on statesmanlike lines that shall strike the keynote of what the work of the coming century shall be. There is every prospect of a prosperous season throughout the State; we have been blessed with copious rains, that almost ensure abundant crops; let our people show their thanks by such liberal offerings to the missionary treasury as shall make it possible to send out more laborers into the other fields of the Diocese where now there are none, though "they are white already to harvest."

By order of the Board of Missions at its last regular session, on the 15th day of January, 1899.

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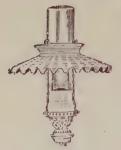
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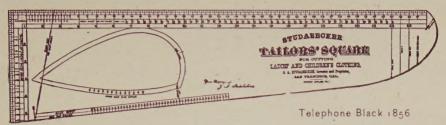
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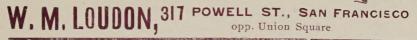


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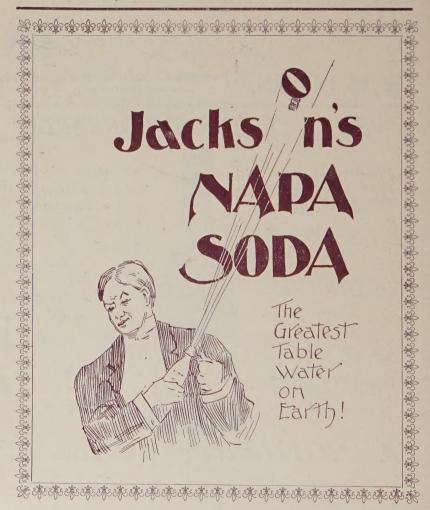
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